

Competition is essential for innovation that benefits the consumer. XM Satellite Radio should be allowed to broadcast local weather and traffic information. Real world information (i.e., traffic and weather) does not fall under a copyright and trademark.

The quality of service available to paid subscribers of these services is the reason for the success of XM Satellite Radio. My choices as a consumer should not be dictated by the National Association of Broadcasters. Consumers should drive the change, not the incumbent. I urget the FCC to reject NAB's petition 04-160.

Just as a welcome change and consumer choice has become available to consumers in telecommunications, the same needs to occur for satellite radio. It should not be dictated by the NAB because a company has found a better way to deliver a service of value -- one that consumers are asking for.